



School Improvement Report

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Dear School Stakeholders,

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a mandated group by the state of South Carolina, responsible for oversight of the School Renewal Plan, and acting in an advisory role to the school administration, teachers, and staff. Each year, the SIC is responsible for submitting an annual report to all parents. Within this newsletter, you will find important information about the school and the progress and challenges that we face in our school improvement efforts.

The goals of the SIC are to ensure that all students are successful academically and to close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school. As a school of choice, we are committed to providing an Arts Infused approach to learning. Additionally, it is our priority to foster a safe learning environment, provide good and transparent communication, and to facilitate strong partnerships with community shareholders.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the SIC has partnered with school stakeholders to plan and implement safety measures that will safeguard students and staff and also continually facilitate a world-class quality of education.

Under the direction of the Beaufort County School District, and the leadership of Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, the Creative Arts SIC Committee follows a School Renewal Plan spanning the 2019-24 school years. The plan is available for review at the school office upon request.

Our shared success as a school community is related to strong partnerships amongst all shareholders. We encourage each of you to continue your involvement, or become involved in the school Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or SIC. It is by the collective commitment of everyone that we will best continue to improve our school's performance and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela (Nikki) Lucas Principal	Mike Quigley SIC Chair	Amanda Phillips PTO Vice President/
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HHIESCA Vision Statement

It is our vision that Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to actively ensuring that all learners will add value to their lives; developing potential by providing excellent education in a safe, academically rigorous, Arts-infused, and nurturing learning environment.

HHIESCA Mission Statement

As an Arts-infused school of choice, Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts strives to support the mission of the Beaufort County School District in such a way that enables all students to be competent, competitive, and successful in an ever-changing global society.

Beaufort County School District Vision

We will work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing, and engaging.

Beaufort County School District Mission

The Beaufort County School District, through a Personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who will compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

2020-2021 Student Recognition

1. The following students achieved a perfect score on the 2020-21 Word Masters Challenge in Fall and/or Spring: Madeline Kabala (3rd), Emily Trish (4th), Mallo-ry Pratt (4th), Olivia Brockway (5th), and Trent Howard (5th).
2. The following students achieved a perfect score on the 2020-2021 Word Masters Challenge assessment in Fall or Spring: Madeline Kabala (3rd), Jasper Adams (4th), and Mallory Pratt (4th).
3. The following students earned a perfect score on the 2020-2021 WordMasters Challenge national vocabulary competition in May 2021: 5th graders Sunny-Lee Alsobrook and Nolan Kabala; 4th graders Jasper Adams and Bethany Bullock.
4. HHIESCA 4th grader Daisy Francisco De La Cruz is selected as the BCSD Student of the Month for October 2021, for the character trait of Respect/Gratitude.
5. One student from each grade level was selected each month and recognized for exemplifying the Character Education trait of the month.
6. Thirteen students in grades 3-5 completed submissions for the BCSD Artistically Gifted and Talented (G/T) screenings in the Arts (Music, Dance, Theater, and Art).
7. Fourteen students met exit criteria on the ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency state assessment administered in March 2020.
8. 4th grade student Hunter Nguyen won the Palmetto Electric 2020-2021 Enlighten SC Children's Book Challenge with his book about Nuclear Energy.
9. 48 students across grades 1– 5 had submissions in the Spring 2021 BCSD River of Words Poetry and Art publication.

Opportunities for Students**Before School**

Calypso Ensemble Drumming

After School

Calypso 2.0 Academic Programming Initiative for Grades 1-5

Garden Club

Nature Journaling Club

Writer's Workshop Club

Math with Legos Club

Calypso Chimes

Calypso Singers

Art and Author's Study Club

Birding and Nature Club

HHIESCA Performance Goals

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2020-2021:

The five goals listed below follow the framework of the Beaufort County School District Five Year Strategic Plan. Within our School Renewal Plan are specific strategies and activities that are implemented, monitored and updated annually. A copy of the entire plan is on file at the school and available upon request for review.

Goal 1: Student Achievement in Reading: *As part of the Beaufort County School District (BCSD), Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts (HHIESCA) maintains and communicates at all levels of the organization a purpose and direction for continuous improvement that commits to high expectations for learning with an emphasis on early intervention in the area of Literacy.*

Goal 2: Student Achievement/Closing the Achievement Gap in Reading and Math: *HHIESCA, as part of Beaufort County School District (BCSD), is dedicated to providing supports to ensure success for all students and work toward the goal of closing the achievement gap prevalent in a comparison of performance of students of the African American and Hispanic demographic subgroups to those of the Caucasian demographic subgroup.*

Goal 3: Teacher and Administrator Quality: *Beaufort County School District's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide, as well as the school professional development plan for all staff, ensures teacher/administrator effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.*

Goal 4: School Climate/Parent, Teacher, Student Relations and Engagement: *In accordance with the BCSD five-year strategic plan, HHIESCA strives to facilitate a climate of rich and productive parent, teacher and student relationships and community engagement. This is done through research-based best practices in education articulated through the goal strategies of our school renewal plan.*

Goal 5: School Climate/Student Engagement: *Under the umbrella of the Beaufort County School District (BCSD), HHIESCA is committed to goals, action steps, and strategies that will foster strong student engagement in academics and subsequent growth in academics and social-emotional wellness.*

Grateful for Community Partners in Education!

1. The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
2. The Hilton Head Orchestra
3. Hilton Head Public Library
4. Hilton Head Avid Gardeners Club
5. Coastal Discovery Museum-Honey Horn Plantation
6. Port Royal Sound Foundation - Maritime Center
7. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association Center
8. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry - HH Club
9. Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC)
10. Island School Council for the Arts
11. Rotary Club of Hilton Head - VanLandingham
12. Hilton Head Rotary Club
13. Savannah College of Art and Design
14. Gullah Tours

Community Partners for Education (continued):

15. Hilton Head Island Historical Society
16. Heritage Library Foundation
17. Lowcountry Raptors



2020-2021

School Improvement Council

The School Renewal Plan was reviewed and updated by the SIC.

School Safety procedures were reviewed and re-examined, specifically with regard to COVID-19 and the HHIESCA reopening plan, available upon request in the office and on our school website. All staff completed updated annual safety training and participated in monthly drills for fire, semester drills for active shooter/intruders, and the annual earthquake and tornado drill during the 2020-2021 school year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, assessment data and other data was not recorded on the 2019 SC School Report Card. In Spring of 2021, teachers, parents, and students have received the opportunity to complete the School Report Card Opinion survey for the academic year. Students in grades 3-5 are taking the SC READY assessment in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Math, and 4th graders will take the SC PASS Science assessment in Spring 2021.

Our school continues in its focus to provide a rich, Arts-infused environment as a school of choice on the island, and the SIC partners with internal and external stakeholders to promote a school climate characterized by exceptional student academic achievement, teacher retention/morale, and communication.

All teachers at HHIESCA continue to implement Responsive Classroom practices in classroom learning communities, and have additionally utilized PBIS incentives and strategies within classrooms as a means to reinforce with students expected and positive behaviors. The school SIC continues to support the endeavors of staff in working with all students to facilitate academic, social, and emotional growth and works together to determine ways in which the community may engage with the school to support all learners.

Parent and Community Involvement

- Virtual Meet and Greet for all classes at start of 2020-2021 school year. (October 2020)
- HHIESCA Gullah Family Festival (February 2021)
 - Aunt Pearl Sue's Special Gumbo, 1st and 2nd grades
 - Sweetgrass Bracelet Weaving with Michael Smalls and Dino Badger, 3rd Grade
 - Making Tabby Houses in STEAM Class, 4th Grade
 - Virtual Art Workshop and Portrait with Amiri Ferris, 5th Grade
 - Virtual Family Art Night with Amiri Ferris
 - Gullah Festival Family Passport Activity
- Virtual Title I Parent Feedback Nights in Winter and Spring 2021—Facilitated through SIC
- The HHIESCA PTO has supported the school through the following activities:

HHIESCA Staff Appreciation Lunch, October 2020

Food and Beverages to Support School Health Screening for Employees, March 2021

Individualized Fundraising Efforts to Support School Families - -

School Spirit Wear & Shop with Scrip Fundraising

HHIESCA Virtual Trivia Night, April 2021

Facilitation of SCA Staff Appreciation Week, May 2021

Support of Teacher and Staff Member of the Year, May 2021

Support of 5th Grade Stepping Up Initiatives, Spring 2021

Events

It is our belief that as an arts-focused school, students should display/exhibit their work in a variety of venues both in the school and the community. Additionally, we value facilitation of activities that will broaden the experiences of our students in the Arts and strive to partner with all community shareholders to provide Arts-infused opportunities that will strengthen the preparedness of our learners as they grow in an ever-changing global society.

- ESOL Celebration of Success Virtual Meeting (January 2021)
- HHIESCA students participated in the BCSD River of Words project with the Port Royal Sound organization (April 2021)
- 1st grade students participated in the Pete the Cat virtual performance/field trip in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (November 2020)
- 2nd grade students participated in a virtual field trip with Coastal Discovery Museum (May 2021)
- 3rd and 4th grade students participated in the Zoo Zooms virtual field trip with Port Royal Maritime Museum (March 2021)
- 4th grade students participated in the Hoop of Life program and virtual experience with artist Kevin Locke, in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (November 2020)
- 4th grade students received instruction by Artist in Residence Tim Davis, Author/Illustrator of *Highlights Magazine* in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (March 2021)
- 5th grade students participated in American Heroes virtual field trip in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (January 2021)
- 2021 Gullah Family Festival held at HHIESCA in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (February 2021)
- 7 students met criteria for designation as Artistically Gifted and Talented (April 2021)
- 2021 Bravo and Science Fair to showcase student work in an Art-infused academic environment (June 2021)

Accomplishments and Special Activities

- Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts (HHIESCA) received re-certification by the South Carolina Arts Commission as an Arts in the Basic Curriculum (ABC) School of Distinction in Spring 2021, and is awarded \$10,000.00 grant for the 2020-2021 year. (March 2021)
- Students of grades 1-5 participated in the Sing to the Universe poetry and artwork project inspired by the book, "I Can Do Every Good Thing" by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James.
- 4th grade classroom teachers participated in professional development in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and South Carolina Arts Commission with Author/Illustrator Tim Davis. (March 2021)
- All teachers participated in the virtual Palmetto State Arts in Education (PSAE) Insight Conference and the school has funded related virtual resources through September 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by 2020–2021 SIC Committee Members

Chair: Mike Quigley Vice President: Aurora Flores

Secretary: Mark Sadler

Parents: Aurora Flores - Heather Zolton - Leslie Shaw - Mike Quigley - Marasol Jenkins

Teachers: Jayme Wilson - Justin Vaughn - Mark Sadler - Sandra Courtney

Support Staff: Judith Clouse - Amanda Lofton

Community: Donna Fonseca - Kelley Littell - Beverly Ohemeng